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16. [redacted] Mr. Abernathy, in the office of Representative Stephen Neal, called and said the owners of the Mayaguez were constituents of Neal's and they (the owners) were anxious to know if the ship was involved in any intelligence activity. (He mentioned that Reynolds Tobacco Company owned the Sea Land Corporation.) I told him I had heard that there was no intelligence activity involved, but I would double check and be back in touch with him.

Later I called Abernathy and advised him the information about the ship being involved in intelligence activity came from TASS. I said we have no indication whatever to this effect, adding that the ship was carrying some noncombative military goods going to Thailand. Abernathy asked if he could use this information for a press release and when I expressed reservations, said he would do whatever we wanted. I said I would check and see if anyone has issued a release on this and let him know.

Again, later in the day, I called Abernathy, and in his absence spoke with Bob Shephard and asked him to tell Abernathy that Ron Nessen, White House Press Secretary has issued a flat denial of intelligence involvement.

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17. [redacted] Jack Brady, House International Relations Committee staff, called and asked if someone could stop by to see him today concerning Laos. He is particularly interested in knowing where Vang Pao is. I told him [redacted] would be at the briefing of the Hamilton Subcommittee this afternoon and I would have [redacted] fill him in on Laos. I did tell Brady, however, that Vang Pao was still in Laos--at least as of this morning.

I told Brady I had planned to get in touch with either him or Marian Czarnecki, of the staff, about the session this afternoon with the Hamilton Subcommittee. I said I understood Hamilton had given the Subcommittee the word about discussing CIA testimony outside of the briefing. I said I know it is difficult to control the members but we simply cannot provide intelligence briefings unless the confidentiality of the information can be assured. Brady said there are just one or two members who are problems in this regard but they would make the point that divulging any of the information received in the briefing would prejudice everything.

I asked Brady if Representative Wolff had a staff man I could talk to about Wolff's letter asking about money going to the government of U Nu. I said there was nothing to this, and we would prefer to talk to someone about it rather than write a letter. Brady said he would handle it.

Later Brady called and said he had passed to Wolff our message denying the allegation Wolff had referred to his in his letter and he seems to be happy. Brady said he made no mention of a written reply. I told Brady that someone from our Office would be by to pick up the original letter.

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Monday - 12 May 1975

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[redacted]
1. [redacted] Called Hilda Schreiber, OMB, on H. R. 3650, a bill on rehiring Federal annuitants. I mentioned that the bill would eliminate the monetary advantage which now accrues to the rehiring agency, and that this would add significantly to the Agency's costs in reemploying annuitants. She said this was the view of all Government agencies, but that the Administration is supporting the bill provided it is amended to provide that the agency deposits go into the general fund rather than the retirement fund. She added that she didn't think the bill was going to go anywhere.

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2. [redacted] Saw Charles Lombard, Senate Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences staff, and he will inform Senators Barry Goldwater (R., Ariz.) and Paul J. Fannin (R., Ariz.) of the

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[redacted] Lombard was concerned with this trend in which the Agency [redacted]

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4. [redacted] Met with Representative Richard Schulze (R., Pa.) concerning the upcoming session at Headquarters with the Freshman Republicans. He lamented the abuse being heaped on the Agency and felt all of those who would be attending the session are supportive of the Agency.

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94th CONGRESS

1st SESSION

H. RES. 448

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Ashbrook submitted the following resolution; which was

referred to the Committee on RULES

RESOLUTION

Creating a select committee to conduct an investigation and study of executions, abductions, and other denials of basic human rights in Southeast Asia by Communist forces against civilians, military personnel, police, and others.

Resolved, That there is hereby created a select committee to be composed of nine Members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker, one of whom he shall designate as chairman. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the committee shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

The committee is authorized and directed to conduct a full and complete investigation and study of executions, abductions, and other denials of basic human rights in Southeast Asia by Communist forces against civilians, military personnel, police, and others.

For the purpose of carrying out this resolution the committee, or any subcommittee thereof authorized by the com-

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the present Congress at such times and places within the United States, including any Commonwealth or possession thereof, or elsewhere, whether the House is in session, has recessed, or has adjourned, to hold such hearings, and to require, by subpoena or otherwise, the attendance and testimony of such witnesses and the production of such books, records, correspondence, memorandums, papers, and documents, as it deems necessary; except that neither the committee nor any subcommittee thereof may sit while the House is meeting unless special leave to sit shall have been obtained from the House. Subpenas may be issued under the signature of the chairman of the committee or any member of the committee designated by him, and may be served by any person designated by such chairman or member.

The committee shall report to the House as soon as practicable during the present Congress the results of its investigation and study, together with such recommendations as it deems advisable. Any such report which is made when the House is not in session shall be filed with the Clerk of the House.